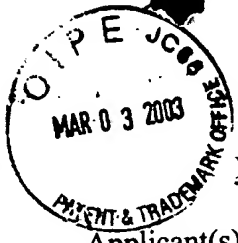


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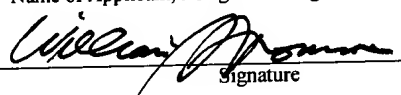
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, wherein
restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-8, directed to apparatus with a detachable recording medium;
and


Group II claims 8-12, directed to apparatus for communicating data over a network.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-8 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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